

Wisconsin

CANCER

PRIORITIES 2023

POLICY

MEDICAID

Support policies to preserve funding and access to BadgerCare for low-income individuals and families. Advocate for extension of postpartum Medicaid coverage to 12 months and expand Medicaid eligibility for low-income families and individuals up to 138% of the federal poverty level.

AFFORDABLE, ADEQUATE HEALTH INSURANCE

Advocate for policies that ensure access to quality, affordable, and comprehensive health insurance and support efforts to curb the availability of inadequate health plans.

BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER FUNDING

Advocate to maintain funding of the state breast and cervical cancer screening and treatment program for low-income uninsured and underinsured women administered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Health.

TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION FUNDING

Increase funding for fact-based, statewide tobacco prevention and cessation programs to prevent kids from starting to use tobacco and help those who already use tobacco products quit.

COPAY ACCUMULATOR

Advocate for copay accumulator legislation to remove barriers to prescription drug access by requiring all payments made by patients - directly or on their behalf - be counted toward their overall out-of-pocket maximum payment or deductible. Requiring health insurance carriers to do so will protect cancer patients from surprise bills and treatment delays and allow patients to utilize the full benefit of copay assistance programs.



2023 CANCER FACTS

37,320 WISCONSINITES WILL BE NEWLY DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER THIS YEAR

11,570 WILL DIE FROM CANCER THIS YEAR

WISCONSIN IS ONE OF 10 STATES THAT HAS NOT EXPANDED MEDICAID

RECENT RESEARCH BY THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY SHOWS STATES THAT HAVE EXPANDED MEDICAID HAVE FAR BETTER CANCER SURVIVAL RATES AND DECREASED CANCER DISPARITIES

TOBACCO IS WISCONSIN'S LEADING CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE DEATH AND COSTS THE STATE MORE THAN \$4.6 BILLION ANNUALLY IN HEALTH CARE COSTS AND LOST PRODUCTIVITY

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